

In re: Appln No. 10/642,560
Amendment dated December 5, 2006
Reply to Office action of October 12, 2006

Remarks

Claims 1, 3 - 9, 13, 15-22 and 24 - 29 were pending prior to the present amendment. Upon entry of the present amendment, Claims 1-8, 10 - 14, and 23 - 26 are canceled. Claims 9 and 27 which were objected to but indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim have been amended. Claims 9, 15, 19, and 24 - 29 have been modified to be dependent on the amended Claims 9 and 27. Claims 30 and 31 are new dependent claims on independent claim 9. Only two independent claims are pending and the total number of claims remains less than the 23 earlier pending, it is believed that no additional claim fees are required.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that Claims 9 and 27 which were objected to but indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim are now amended to have the limitations of the base claims. Applicant has eliminated all prior independent claims and modified Claims 9 and 27 to be independent claims. All other claims are now dependent on the prior objected Claims 9 and 27. Applicant has addressed this objection by amending the appropriate claim limitations.

Because the Examiner's objections have been overcome, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of these rejections.

Summary

Applicant respectfully submits that the presently pending claims have overcome the Examiner's objections. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request allowance of the pending

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claims. Should the Examiner require any further information or wish to discuss any aspect of this Response, Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. It is believed that no fees are required for this filing.

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